

wherein, the securing means comprises a post mounted for reciprocal movement relative to the aperture in the collar member and dimensioned to extend into a portion of the transverse bore of the ratchet hub;

a lever arm pivotally connected to the collar member wherein, one segment of the lever arm is provided with said post; and,

a handle unit including a handle member connected to said collar member and adapted to provide rotary motion to said collar member.

2. Canceled

3. Canceled

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as in claim 3 1; wherein, the lever arm has a generally L-shaped configuration that includes a lower segment and an upper segment.

5. (Original) The apparatus as in claim 4; wherein, said post depends downwardly from the lower segment of the lever member.

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as in claim 5 wherein, ~~the~~ a spring element is attached to the upper segment of the lever arm.